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THE NEW YORK MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

THE scientific meetings to be held in New York City during convocation week, beginning on December 27, should be of more than usual interest and importance. This is the fifth of the convocation week meetings, the first having been held at Washington in 1902-3, followed by those at St. Louis, Philadelphia and New Orleans. The large meetings at Washington and at Philadelphia must be regarded as important steps in the organization of scientific men and of scientific work, and it is to be hoped that the New York meeting will be even more influential in unifying the diverse scientific interests of the country.

There are obvious objections to too great centralization, and there are doubtless many men of science who would prefer to see the different societies hold their separate meetings, but this has become almost impossible, if only because there are such close relationships between the sciences. For a while there was a tendency for the

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